

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report

Supervisor WX

Minerals Regulatory Program

Date of Report: September 20, 2007

Mine Name: Blind Stream	Permit number:	S0130004
Operator Name: Shamrock Mining Associates	Inspection Date:	September 12,

2007

Time: 8:40-9:40 AM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker

Other Participants: I met and spoke with Darrell North. Three other workers were at the site.

Mine Status: Active

Weather: Clear, 40s

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	\boxtimes		
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)			
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4. Deleterious Material			
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6. Concurrent Reclamation			
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
8. Water Impoundments			
9. Soils	\boxtimes		
10. Revegetation			
11. Air Quality			
12. Other			

Purpose of Inspection:

This was a routine inspection.

Inspection Summary:

1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds

On September 28, 2004, the Division approved an amendment to the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations increasing the size of the disturbance to five acres.

The operator submitted a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$18,000.00 as reclamation surety for this site, and the associated reclamation contract was signed December 22, 2006.

2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)

There were a few grease buckets which the operator cleaned up while I was there.

9. Soils

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There are limited soils in most of the mine area, and the operator has salvaged and stockpiled some soil. There is a waste pile on the east side of the site which is partly over a low area where the soils appear to be deep (Photo 1). It does not appear that soil was salvaged in this area.

12. Other

Equipment at the site included three trackhoes, one of which was equipped with a saw; a loader; a drill; a horizontal saw; and a compressor.

The operator is allowed to disturb up to five acres. I took points around the perimeter of the site, and the resulting map is included with this report. The disturbed area is 3.4 acres.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

If the waste pile is expanded at all, the operator needs to salvage soil. Mr. North told me, however, that they are going to start putting waste in the pit (Photo 8), so the pile should be shrinking.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Directions to Site:

About three miles west of Hanna on SR35, turn on 42750 West. This road goes north then west for 0.7 miles. It then heads north again through some alfalfa fields and into a canyon. From SR35, it is 7.9 miles to a fork. Go left for 1.9 miles then take the right fork 0.9 miles to the mine.

PBB:pb

cc:

Floyd Anderson, Shamrock Mining Dave Herron, Duchesne Ranger District

Attachments: GPS map and Photos

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs S0130004, Blind Stream Mine, Shamrock Mining Associates Inspection Dated: September 12, 2007; Report Dated: September 21, 2007



Photo 1. Looking down the waste pile. It does not appear soil was salvaged from the meadow at the base of the pile although it is probably available.

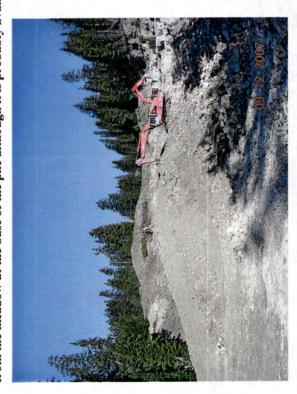


Photo 2. An overview of part of the mine site. This photo and Photo 4 make a panorama.



Photo 3. A view from above.



Photo 4. The original pit into which the operator intends to put waste rock is just to the right of center in this photo.

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Photo 5. Photos 5-7 show some of the equipment. I had not previously seen a saw on a trackhoe like this.

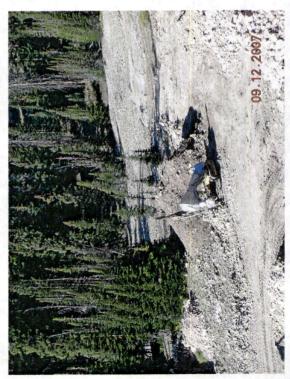


Photo 6. This is a drill.

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Photo 7. This is a saw for cutting horizontally.



Photo 8. The operator intends to put waste rock in the pit shown near the center of this photo.

